

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 31, 2006.

Claims 1 and 20 are amended in the Application.

Claim 19 has been withdrawn in the Application

Claims 1-37 are pending in the Application.

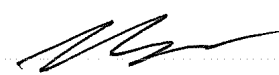
I. Non-Compliant Amendment

Applicant hereby submits the Claims with the proper listing of Claims. Applicant does not believe that any new matter was submitted with this amendment.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time and attention to this matter. Applicants believe Claims as now provided are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's representatives (713.403.7411) if any questions concerning this Application arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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